

RM-10352 is a well-intentioned but misguided effort at providing protection against interference by dissimilar modes of operation. It seeks to achieve this goal by imposing broad frequency segmentation based on mode of operation. Ironically, I believe that it will have the opposite effect.

By virtue of the long wavelengths involved, it is difficult for the average amateur to have a full-size antenna on this band. Various top loading gimmicks are typically utilized, which have the effect of making the antenna very high-Q (i.e., useable over only a small portion of the available frequency spectrum). Limiting wideband access to frequencies above 1.843 will lessen the enjoyment of multi-modes operators, and likely result in reduced band occupancy.

The 160 meter band has always been the "gentlemen's band". Let us not change that long and successful history of amateur cooperation, or risk further taxing an already overburdened federal government.

I recommend that RM-10352 be DENIED!

"Cooperation, not legislation!"

Sincerely,
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